

**Topical Heading**

Rehabilitation

**Program Title**

Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights

**Also Known as**

PAIR

**CFDA # (or ED #)**

84.240

**Administering Office**

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

**Who May Apply (specifically)**

Protection and advocacy systems as established under the *Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000*.

**Type of Assistance (by category)**

Formula Grants

**Appropriations**

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| Fiscal Year 2004 | \$16,790,349 |
| Fiscal Year 2005 | \$16,655,680 |
| Fiscal Year 2006 | \$16,489,440 |

**Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information**

*Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.*

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 57

Range of New Awards: \$81,618–\$1,691,912

**Legislative Citation**

*Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended, Title V, Sec. 509; 29 U.S.C. 794e.

**Program Regulations**

34 CFR 381

**Program Description**

The Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (PAIR) program supports the protection and advocacy system in each state to protect the legal and human rights of individuals with disabilities. In order to be eligible for advocacy services from the PAIR program, an individual with a disability must meet three criteria. First, the individual's concern must be beyond the scope of the Client Assistance Program (Sec. 112, *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended). Second, the individual must be ineligible for services from the Protection and Advocacy of Developmental Disabilities (PADD) program funded under Part C of the *Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act)*. Finally, the individual must also be ineligible for the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) program funded under the *Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act*.

Each PAIR program must set annual priorities and objectives to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities in each state. Most PAIR programs set priorities and objectives aimed at reducing barriers to education, employment, transportation, and housing. In addition, PAIR programs advocate on behalf of individuals with significant disabilities to promote community integration and full participation in society.

**Types of Projects**

Eligible systems have the authority to pursue legal, administrative, and other appropriate remedies or approaches to protect and advocate for the rights of individuals with disabilities. Protection and advocacy systems may be housed in public or private entities.

**Education Level (by category)**

Adult

**Subject Index**

Advocacy, Civil Liberties, Disabilities, Laws, Vocational Rehabilitation

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**Links to Related Web Sites**

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsapair/index.html>